

Wednesday, February 17, 2010 p. 3

Duxbury Clipper

## Morse finishes 15th in Olympic moguls

Duxbury native, Mike Morse, the 2008 U.S. Freestyle Skiing champion and a member of the United States Olympic team, finished 15th in the freestyle moguls in Vancouver on Sunday night.

Having started his day by finishing 19th in the qualifying rounds, Morse moved on to the finals where he took on the world's best in the 20-man competition won by Canada's Alexandre Bilodeau. Australia's Dale Begg-Smith took home silver, while Morse's teammate, Brian Wilson, won the bronze.

"It was awe-inspiring," said Mike's father, Dick Morse, speaking to The Patriot Ledger from Vancouver after the qualifying round. "It's terrific. We're incredibly proud of him to be at this world-class level."

Morse scored a 23.38, a full point out of 10th-place, and 3.37 points behind Bilodeau.

The other United States competitors, Patrick Deneen and Nathan Roberts, skied off course and did not receive scores.

